

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action identified above, and is further responsive in any manner indicated below.

PREVIOUSLY-PAID ISSUE FEE

In accordance with the section "Allowable Subject Matter" on page 2 of the 28 May 2003 Action, Applicant respectfully requests that the Issue Fee be presently held so as to be applied to any new Notice of Allowance issued in the present case, and Applicant will respectfully reiterate such request upon receipt of such Notice.

PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 6-8, 14-31 and 27-39 were pending in the application at the time of the Office Action and subject to examination. Claim 7 has been amended herein. Such amendment is unrelated to any prior art, scope adjustment or rejection, and is simply refocusing (*i.e.*, clarification) of the claims in which Applicant is presently interested. The amendment of Claim 7 is supported by Figure 6, wherein the light diffusion layer Ga is positioned in the areas corresponding to the light passing (transmitting) region 6 (see Example 5 on page 30 of the specification).

At entry of this paper, Claims 6-8, 14-31 and 27-39 remain pending for further consideration and examination in the application.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

Claims 6, 8, 14, 16-21, 27 and 29 have been allowed in the application, as indicated within the Section "Allowable Subject Matter" on page 4 of the 28 May

2003 Action. Renewal of the allowance is respectfully requested. Applicant and the undersigned thank the Examiner for such indication of allowable subject matter.

ALL REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC §§102 AND 103 - TRAVERSED

All 35 USC rejections (*i.e.*, the 35 USC §102 rejection of Claims 7 and 28 as being anticipated by JP 10-301208; and, the 35 USC §103 rejection of Claim 15 as being unpatentable over JP 10-301208 in view of Dubin *et al.* (US 6,278,546 B1)) are respectfully traversed. Such rejections have been rendered obsolete by the present clarifying amendment to Applicant's Claim 7, and accordingly, traversal arguments are not appropriate at this time. However, Applicant respectfully submits the following to preclude renewal of any such rejections against Applicant's clarified claims.

All descriptions of Applicant's disclosed and claimed invention, and all descriptions and rebuttal arguments regarding the applied prior art, as previously submitted by Applicant in any form, are repeated and incorporated herein by reference. Further, all Office Action statements regarding the prior art rejections are respectfully traversed. As additional arguments, Applicant respectfully submits the following.

In order to properly support a §102 anticipatory-type rejection, any applied art reference must disclose each and every limitation of any rejected claim. The applied art does not adequately support a §102 anticipatory-type rejection because, at minimum, such applied art does not disclose (or suggest) the following discussed limitations of Applicant's claims.

According to JP 10-301208, the diffusion layer 50 is formed under the whole area of the striped shielding layer 40, as shown in the attached Exhibit 1.

In contrast, according to Claim 7 of the present invention, the light diffusion layer is only positioned under the light transmitting region 6 of the light shield layer as mentioned above (see clarified Claim 7 and the attached Exhibit 1). Therefore, the structure claimed in clarified Claim 7 is clearly different from that of Yasuhiko.

Since Claim 28 depends from Claim 7, Claim 28 is also allowable.

Regarding Claim 15, even if Dubin *et al.* may disclose the use of a lenticular sheet, the special structure claimed in Claim 7 is not described nor suggested by Dubin *et al.* Thus, even if JP 10-301208 combined with Dubin *et al.*, the invention recited in Claim 15 is not obvious from these references.

As a result of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the applied art would not support a §102 anticipatory-type rejection or §103 obviousness-type rejection of Applicant's claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of such §§102 and 103 rejections, and express written allowance of all of the rejected claims, are respectfully requested. Further, at this point, it is respectfully submitted as a reminder that, if new art is now cited against any of Applicant's unamended claims, then it would not be proper to make a next Action final.

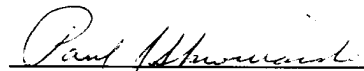
EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local DC area number 703-312-6600, to discuss an Examiner's Amendment or other suggested action for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

CONCLUSION

This Amendment is being filed within the shortened statutory period for response set by the outstanding Office Action, and therefore, no Petition or extension fee is required. To whatever other extent is actually necessary and appropriate, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for an extension of time under §1.136. Please charge any requisite fee to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as Order No. 500.39179X00)

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENT:
Exhibit 1